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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT PINS KS

SUBJECT: APPELLATE COURT HEARING BISHOP CHI

REF: A SEOUL 6117; B. STATE 199963

1. MOFA AMERICAN BUREAU DIRECTOR LEE CALLED POL COUNS TO HIS OFFICE SEPT 17. LEE SAID THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH MND AND KCIA USG REQUEST FOR EMBASSY OBSERVER AT BISHOP CHI APPELLATE HEARING.

2. LEE SAID AS EMBASSY AWARE, ATTENDANCE AT EMERGENCY COURTS-MARTIAL HEARING HAS BEEN LIMITED TO FAMILY MEMBERS AND ONLY A FEW PRESS REPRESENTATIVES. CONSEQUENTLY, THE ROK AGENCIES CONCERNED BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE "VERY DIFFICULT" TO ALLOW AN EMBASSY OBSERVER SINCE THAT WOULD SET PRECEDENT FOR SIMILAR REQUESTS FROM OTHERS. CONSEQUENTLY, LEE SAID IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO ALLOW AN EMBASSY OBSERVER TO BE PRESENT AT BISHOP CHI HEARING AS WE REQUESTED.

3. COMMENT: AS INSTRUCTED PARA 3, REF B, POL COUNS DID NOT PRESS MATTER FURTHER. USG IS NOW CLEARLY ON RECORD AS HAVING INTEREST IN BISHOP CHI CASE. WE BELIEVE THIS IS SUFFICIENT FOR OUR PRESENT PURPOSES AND DO NOT RECOMMEND FURTHER ACTION IN PRESSING ROKG FOR OBSERVER.

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